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BIRTHS.

At No. 6, Yuen-ming-yuen Buildings, Shanghai, on the 3rd inst., the wife of V. HOCK, of a son.

At Shanghai, on the 5th instant, the wife of A. P. de CAMPOS, of a son.

DEATHS.

At Ningpo, on the 28th February, NICHOLAS SMITH, of the Imperial Maritime Customs, aged 37 years.

At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the 4th March, PAUL GRASCH, boatwain H.I.M.'s gunboat *Illia*.

At Padua, (Italy), on the 4th instant, Commandatore ANTONIO PERTILE, Professor at the University, and father of Mr. Pertile, of Singapore. Aged 65 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1895.

"BY THEIR WORKS YE SHALL KNOW THEM."

STRANGE indeed are the peculiar ideas people have, in many instances, of corporations in general and of the duties of the executive officers and of the comparative values of their services in particular. "A Shareholder" in a letter addressed to the *N. C. Daily News* the other day poured forth frothy lamentations *ad nauseam*, because the executive officers of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at the

close of a period of exceptional prosperity, achieved, too, in one of the worst financial periods the modern business world has ever known, have accepted an increment to their fees and to the salaries of the Bank's employees. This self-constituted champion of the shareholders' grievances does not, luckily, represent the vast majority of the fortunate possessors of the big Bank's scrip and, so far as his hysterical cries for fair play are concerned, his childish pleas may be safely ignored. But when he seeks to belittle the gentleman who has been, and still is, closely identified with the Bank's career and its remarkable prosperity, and writes down the whole Court of Directors as labourers unworthy of their hire, he steps upon ground every foot of which the *Telegraph* is prepared to contest with him inch by inch, for, according to this croaker's line of argument the Court is merely a sort of scape-goat or target which the shareholders are free to fire at and on whose shoulders can be placed the responsibility for all and every misfortune, while it is in no wise to be credited with a display of exceptional business acumen—no matter how brilliant its achievements—neither are its members to reap the reward of years of devotion to the shareholders' interests. They are merely the guarantee of respectability which corporations require in their primary constitution, but never count for anything in the real work and conduct of the corporation, especially if such be a bank. This shows how little this shareholder knows or understands of a well conducted, sound banking institution and particularly so of the one in question, with its numerous branches, sub-agencies and ramifications, extending the sphere of its action all over the globe.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is fortunate in the possession of a manager of great ability and rare devotion to his special work, and one who has established a very brilliant record, and the shareholders and depositors are to be congratulated on having on its Board, as advisers, leading business men who rank among the shrewdest financiers of the Colony—men who are presumably substantially interested in the institution, and who therefore leave no stone unturned to insure permanent success and who eschew the cheese-paring policy of those who make themselves ridiculous by being a penny wise and a pound foolish. It is neither probable, nor consistent with the present condition of the bank and its enviable position in public confidence, to suppose that these able business men are allowing this great institution to move along without maintaining an intimate knowledge of its affairs. With the enormous responsibility of their positions ever in view, were they to fall in this respect their course would be foolhardy, suicidal, nay, even criminal; particularly with the warnings of the past few years fresh in their memories, and the records of other financial institutions that have, in recent years, joined the "Great Majority." We say, therefore, that great as may be the credit due to a Chief Manager, the Directors are, after all, the backbone of an institution and it is they chiefly, who insure the confidence of the public. It is, of course, not within the province of the directors individually to supervise the running machinery of the big bank, except in a general way. That is the duty so efficiently performed by the Chief Manager, Mr. THOMAS JACKSON; but it is the duty of each Director to pass upon and sanction the enormous investments of the bank, in whatever form these may be made. If all the directors collectively and individually do but perform conscientiously and continuously this one duty, there need be no fear for the safety of a banking institution. To render this a welcome task, as well as an imperative one, it is desirable to make the compensation of the directors as substantial as the business of the institution from time to time justifies. No disbursement, in our view, more wisely made than that appropriated for this purpose: for "the labourer is worthy of his hire." A bank, above all institutions, needs business men on its Board who have had wide and thoroughly practical experience in the modern system of investments; and as two heads are often better than one, boards of directors, or Consulting Committees, are invariably formed to conduct the business of large financial institutions and of important public companies. Directors' duties, if conscientiously performed, are extremely important, likewise and practically invaluable, and the fees paid to them, in most cases, are ridiculously out of proportion to the services rendered. And, so far as the remuneration to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank directors is concerned, we take leave to add that we think the limit should not yet be considered as reached. We congratulate the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—which, by the way, needs no special commendation at our hands any more than do other local banking institutions—on the splendid results achieved through exemplary management and the loyal and cordial co-operation of its army of employees all the world over; and we have no hesitation whatever in condemning the remarks of the blatant Shanghai shareholder as unjustifiable, ill-advised and idiotic. "By their fruits ye shall know them," and by their fruits—the last balance sheet—are the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank known. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," and it is, indeed, a selfish man who, metaphorically speaking, would deny the Directors a fair share of the rich pudding recently served up for the whole body of shareholders. "Live and let live" is a grand principle on which to go through life, and we therefore commend it to the snarling correspondent whose contemptible drivel has called forth much righteous indignation from all sorts and conditions of men in the Far East.

TELEGRAMS.

LORD ROSEBERRY'S CONDITION.
LONDON, March 12th.
Lord Roseberry continues weak and depressed.

THE ABYSSINIAN DIFFICULTY.

The *Times* correspondent at Rome says that France is arming and strengthening the Abyssinian army, and that the French Government is in 1895 reorganising the Abyssinian army and its dependencies, including Harar, were within the Italian sphere of influence.

THE ORIENTAL WAR.

(Special to N. C. Daily News.)
A SENSATIONAL MEMORIAL.

PEKING, March 3rd.
Another Censor, following An Wei-chieh's footsteps, has been making a sensation by presenting a memorial, written with his blood, appealing to the Emperor to sweep away the traitors now holding the most important trusts in the government of the Empire. It is reported that several of the highest positions, including a Prince, have been denounced. The memorial in question was a secret one and was sealed, and intended for the Emperor alone, but, somehow, a good deal has leaked out, although his Majesty has made no reply so far.

THE NUCLEUS OF THE NEW CHINESE ARMY.

PEKING, March 3rd.
Hu Yu-fen commenced yesterday enrolling extra troops to be placed under his command, viz.:—One battalion of mounted coolies; two battalions of horse artillery; five battalions of infantry; and one battalion of sappers and miners. Each battalion, in addition to their usual arms, is to have two machine guns attached to it. Hu Yu-fen had three battalions of infantry, originally, as guards of the Grain Commissioner's Department. These will be incorporated with the new brigade. When enrollment is completed the whole force will march at once for Shanhaiwan. The brigade will be under foreign officers, of which General von Hanneken, it is reported, will be appointed a chief.

INCREASING DISORDER.

TIEN-TSIN, March 4th.
The disturbances amongst the soldiers are increasing. One General in Shan-tung province, in attempting to suppress pillaging, was beheaded by the soldiers. Similar troubles in Honan are reported to have been suppressed. Liao-yang, near Moukden, has probably been taken by the Japanese.

THE PROSPECTS OF PEACE.

PEKING, March 4th.
After a great deal of tedious telegraphing through the U.S. Minister the text of the Viceroy Li Hung-chang's credentials has been accepted. Japan will now refrain from putting any difficulties in the way of the Envoy's travelling.

LI HUNG-CHANG SPEAKS OUT.

In the course of an audience with the Empress Dowager, Viceroy Li Hung-chang spoke frankly as to the state of the Empire. [No more edicts referring to the war are published in the *Peking Gazette*.]

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS.

TIEN-TSIN, March 4th.
The successor of Hu Yu-fen, as Chief of the Commissioner of the Hsiao-chang, is to be the Treasurer of Chihli, Ch'en. The four Commissioner departments of the various brigades of the Slang Army in Manchuria will also, according to instructions from the War Council at Peking, be consolidated and placed under the Chihli Treasurer. Hu Yu-fen is to go into active service in the field without delay.

THE PEACE MISSION.

TIEN-TSIN, March 5th.
The Viceroy Li Hung-chang left Peking today and proceeds by steamer direct from Tientsin to Shimoda, where the Japanese Government requires him to transship for Hiroshima. Mr. Foster will join the Viceroy there.

Li Hung-chang had his 5th Imperial Audience yesterday, the Empress Dowager being present. The Privy Council heavily support the peace mission, Prince Kung silencing all opposition by presenting a document showing the failure of the Chinese war due to the backward policy for which they were themselves alone to blame, and exonerating Li Hung-chang.

The power to negotiate, which have been conferred on Li Hung-chang, are believed to be complete, his commission being signed by the Emperor.

GULF OF PECHILI NOT TO BE BLOCKADED.

TOKIO, March 5th.
There is no foundation for any rumour that the Japanese Government contemplate a blockade of the Gulf of Pechili.

THE PEACE MISSION.

TIEN-TSIN, March 6th.
Li Hung-chang is expected to arrive from Peking this afternoon.

GENERAL SUNG WOUNDED.

News received this morning from Manchuria states that General Sung was seriously wounded in the last battle of the 3rd instant, near New-chang. Severe fighting is going on around Liang-yang hills (south) between General Tang Jao-chen and Tartar-General Chang's troops against the enemy. Losses on both sides, especially on the 3rd, are reported to be heavy. Liang-yang is still safe.

LI HUNG-CHANG EXONERATED.

TIEN-TSIN, March 6th.
The Emperor completely exonerates Li Hung-chang. He confesses having tried others yet found him alone true; and therefore grants him the fullest power to deal with the Japanese and to control all.

AN HONEST CONFESSION.

The Government publicly assumes entire responsibility for the wretched condition of the national defence, which it acknowledges to be the result of blunders in the progress of other nations. This, of course, places future reforms in the hands of Li Hung-chang.

CHINESE PREPARATIONS.

TIEN-TSIN, March 7th.
Extensive preparations have been going on at Peking, 100 N. north, and at Ch'ikou, 120 N. north of Tientsin, on the Ch'ikou sea coast, to strengthen the forts there with everything necessary to make a stout resistance. The troops are under well known General and it is expected they will make a stout resistance. The Chinese Government, and that the Chinese at Shanghai, is a view to maintaining the whereabouts of the nearest Japanese cruisers, as well as for relieving Peking, if necessary, with the Tientsin volunteer army of thirty thousand, under the

well-known Tientsin veteran, T'ao Ké-chung, now holding Siao-chun (the old quarters of the Sheng division of General Wei), have received specific orders to march to the rescue of Ch'ikou whenever called upon.

JAPAN'S NEW MINISTER OF WAR.

YOKOHAMA, March 8th.
Field Marshal Count Yamagata, who drove the Chinese out of Korea, has been appointed Minister of War.

MINISTER OF MARINE.

Admiral Count Sigin continues in office as Minister of Marine.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

LAHORE, February 21st.
The Amer. whose health is improving, is fully determined to visit England.
Last night the Milan Mir garrison gave a farewell ball in the Montgomery Hall, Lahore, to Lord Frankfort on the eve of his relinquishing the command of the district. During supper, Colonel Wilton, of the 4th Buffs, rose and proposed the health of the guest of the evening and Lady Frankfort, in a few sympathetic sentences, which were warmly applauded, expressive of the sorrow which all felt in parting from a General who was so deservedly popular. Lord Frankfort, whose visit was the signal for prolonged amusements, made a short and earnest speech, in which he spoke of his years of service in India, and his great pleasure in having met so many good comrades and friends, to whose help and kindness he attributed whatever good work he had been able to do.

LONDON, February 21st.
Lord Rosebery's general health is slightly better, but the insomnia still remains very obstinate.

ST. PETERSBURG, February 27th.
M. de Stael, at present Ambassador for Russia to the Court of St. James, has been offered the portfolio of Foreign Affairs. The English press look upon this appointment as of most happy augury for the cordiality of future relations between England and Russia, and are consequently very jubilant in their remarks upon it.

LONDON, February 28th.
Sir Hercules Robinson has been appointed to the Governorship of the Cape, in succession to Sir Henry Brougham Lock.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

BROADWOOD PIANOS at W. Robinson & Co.

H.M.S. *Mercury*, Captain W. H. Fawkes arrived at Singapore on the 4th instant.

It is quite "on the cards" that Colonel Pennefather, of the Inland Revenue, will be appointed Inspector-General of the Straits Police Force.

The British gunboat *Swift*, which left Singapore on the 4th inst. arrived here this afternoon. Her destination is Tientsin, where she relieves the *Linnet*.

Sir Saul Samuel, who has represented the colony of New South Wales in England for a number of years, is about to be retired on account of old age.

Office Boy: "Two men wanchee see you—one 'bione' poet, and 'other 'bione' poet man." Editor: "Well, go and tell the poet that the dead man is the Editor."

The British steamer *Merionethshire*, Capt. D. Davies, which arrived here last night from London, brought out a cargo of munitions of war for the local naval authorities.

A REGULAR meeting of St. John's Lodge, No. 618, A.C., will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

New Comic Song and Dance Albums at W. Robinson & Co.

The peculiar Chinese policy makes it better for Chinese generals to surrender than to escape. If they surrender they are treated as prisoners of war; if they escape off come their heads.

CAPT. COOPER-SMITH, A.D.C. to the Viceroy of India, has been appointed Assistant Commandant of the two hundred Sikhs who are about to be recruited in India for service in East Central Africa.

CAPT. HUNTER, formerly of the steamer *Bowen*, has been discharged owing to his having run the steamship *Lady Mitchell* on a rock in the Banca Straits. The vessel was, however, able to proceed to Singapore, where she has been docked.

News has reached Shanghai from Peking, to the effect that Mr. G. Deiring's connection with the Imperial Maritime Customs Service has been severed and that he has been appointed Director-General of the Keping Mines and North China Railways.

As we confidently predicted in our last issue would be the case, the British schooner *Calhoun*, Capt. J. Raymond, who was despatched about two months ago to the scene of the wreck of the German steamer *Belona*, returned to Hongkong this morning from North Reef (Paracel Group).

COLLARD & COLLARD PIANOS at W. Robinson & Co.

On the 8th instant the steamer *Devonwong*, while making for her buoy in Swatow harbour, fouled the Douglas Co.'s steamer *Thalia*, which was moored to Mou-ye, Tientsin, Malacca & Co.'s buoy. The *Devonwong* smashed up three of her own boats, but the Douglas liner, according to our correspondent, got off scathless and was, of course, in no way to blame since she was virtually at anchor while the *Devonwong* was under way.

The *Straits Maritime Journal* alleges that a scheme is in existence to start a Chinese Volunteer Corps at Penang. This news arises from the fact that the two companies of British troops there are shortly to be taken away, and the Chinese are naturally uneasy that no adequate defence remains in that Settlement. It is reported that everything has been arranged except permission from the Governor, who has, however, been applied to.

Our Swatow correspondent, writing under date 8th instant, reports the arrival at that port of the German steamer *Trojan* on the 3rd instant. She left Swatow before daylight on the 4th, destination unknown. Since she came direct from Swatow, without touching at any point *en route*, and as she is escorted by old China "hands" it is presumed that she was loaded with munitions of war, and owned by the Chinese Government, and that she sailed in at Swatow with a view to maintaining the whereabouts of the nearest Japanese cruisers, as well as for relieving Peking, if necessary, with the Tientsin volunteer army of thirty thousand, under the

W. ROBINSON & Co., piano builders, tuners and repairers.

The Russian gunboat *Grenyastchik*, Commander Cherkas, attended by the torpedo boat *Svanborg*, Captain Ergonitschik, arrived at Singapore from Colombo on the 3rd inst. *en route* to the Far East.

Mutual Friend:—"It really is shocking, dear, the way in which you and your husband quarrel and carry on. I wonder you don't separate from him."

Injured Wife:—"What? Go away and leave him alone to do just as he likes. Not me!"

It is notified that the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have been pleased to fix the rate at which the Dollar shall be issued at Hongkong, the Straits Settlements, and on the China Station during the quarter commencing 1st April, 1895, at two shillings.

New piano repairing machinery, received by W. Robinson & Co.

THE Sporting League are going to take up the County Council Elections at home and are working against the "Progressives" and Puritans, and are becoming an important factor in the land. There will be a meeting and waiting and a quashing of tests towards the latter end of this month when some of the Canting Division get the sacred Order of the boot, or get a "set back" that will last them a century.

THE British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society has received an intimation that the contract for supplying Chinese coolies for service labour in Brazil, against which the Society lately entered a strong protest, has now been withdrawn. What about the 1,500 hapless coolies shipped to Mexico from Macao about two years ago? What were the terms of their contracts and how many of them understood their "free labour" contracts?

MR. Griffiths, M.P. for the Northern Territory of South Australia, who was here *en route* to Japan a few days ago, is reported by a Sydney paper to have expressed considerable anxiety in reference to the existence of leprosy amongst the natives of Alligator River, N.T., and suggested the quarantining of all those affected on one of the islands adjacent to the coast. It is believed that the loathsome disease was introduced by Malay trawling fishers.

FULL stock of banjos, mandolines, guitars, accordions, stringed and fiddle of all kinds at W. Robinson & Co.

At No. 9 Police Station this afternoon Chief Inspector Corcoran, who was accompanied by several of the Inspectors and Sergeants of the Force, presented Mrs. Duncan, wife of Acting Inspector Duncan, with a handsome silver tea service in the name of the members of the local Force. Acting Inspector Duncan, in a brief and polite speech, suitably acknowledged the compliment paid to his "better half" who has, by her kindly manners and sympathy with all ranks, endeared herself to all with whom she and her popular husband have come in contact during a lengthy sojourn in the Colony.

The foreign military attaché (Surgeon-Colonel Taylor, Col. Weger, Capt. de Busley, and Lieut. O'Brien) together with the representatives of the *Temps*, *Pall Mall Gazette*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and *New York Herald* (Messrs. Leguier, G. W. Ward, Smith, and Henry O'Shea) returned to Kobe from Wel-hai-wei by the *Tokio Maru* on the 27th ult. Lieut. Beacom (U. S. Army) and Mr. T. Cowen, the *Times* correspondent, did not accompany them, having gone out to Chefoo. Surgeon-Colonel Taylor and Capt. de Busley proceeded to Tokyo at once, but at date of latest advice Col. Weger was staying with Mr. de Wendrich, the Russian Consul at Kobe, while Lieut. O'Brien was still at Hiroshima.

THE *Elbe* disaster calls to mind many instances of maritime collisions resulting in huge liners going down with all, or nearly all, on board. The *Utopia* which ran on the ram of the *Arcton* in Gibraltar Bay, in the month of 1891, with a loss of 36 lives, was the more recent loss of H.M.S. *Victoria*, which was fresh in all memories. A most disastrous collision occurred in the English Channel on May 31st, 1878, when a German ironclad, the *Grosser Kurfürst*, was rammed and sunk by another warship, the *Kontig Wilhelm*, and 300 lives were sacrificed. Twenty ampires, however, seem to afford close parallels; for March, 1886, the Canadian *Oregon* was run into off Long Island, approaching New York, by an unknown schooner. Like the *Elbe*, she was struck amidships, and a huge hole cut in her bow, but, unlike the *Elbe*, she kept afloat for eight hours, and a passing steamer rescued all her passengers and crew. The schooner was never heard of again. The second parallel is the case of the *Northfleet*, an emigrant ship bound from London to Hobart Town which was run into by the Spanish steamer *Murillo*, and sank in three-quarters of an hour. With the greatest humanity the *Murillo* backed and stemmed off, and was only discovered and identified some time afterwards. This catastrophe was noteworthy for the splendid conduct of Captain Knowles, of the *Northfleet*, who stood over the boats and children, and thus secured the rescue of the women and children. He actually shot one man who refused to give way. Out of 412 passengers, only 84 were saved, among them Mrs. Knowles, to whom a pension of £50 was afterwards awarded from the *Red Cross* List in recognition of her husband's bravery. It is, moreover, worth reminding our readers of the *Prinze Altes*, run down by the *Bywell Castle* (September, 1878), nearly 700 lives lost; and the *Arcton*, run down by the *Vesta* in 1854, over 300 being lost.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

THE NAVAL COURT MARTIAL.

A CONTRADICTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." Sir,—With reference to the paragraph which appeared in your paper of the 11th of March, in reference to the Court Martial held on the 10th inst. on board H.M.S. *London*, it was with surprise that I read the statement therein made by you as to my having been found drunk in the Admiral's cabin, and I now contradict it, my case being as follows:—Being under the influence of drink at 11.10 a.m. on the 25th February on the upper deck whilst getting out Torpedo Net Defence. I shall look for an early consideration of the statement made, also to receive a copy of the paper containing it.

I beg to remain, Yours truly,

M. J. DELANEY, Gunner.

H.M.S. *Centurion*, Hongkong, March 12th, 1895.

(We willingly publish Mr. Delaney's letter. The statement that appeared in our last issue, that we were supplied to the *Hongkong Telegraph* yesterday by our Commissioned officers on board the *London*—Ed., H.K. *Telegraph*.)

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. There were present:—The Governor, Sir William Robinson; Mr. J. H. Stewart Lockhart (Registrar-General and Acting Colonial Secretary); Mr. A. J. Leach (Acting Attorney General); Mr. F. C. Cochrane (Director of Public Works); Comdr. R. M. Rubery, R.N. (Harbour Master); Mr. A. M. Thomson (Acting Colonial Treasurer); Dr. Ho Kai, Messrs. J. I. Newell, C. P. Chester, A. McCoschie and E. R. Bellios, unofficial members, and Mr. A. Seth, Clerk of Councils.

MINUTES.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

PAPERS.
The "Report" of the Captain Superintendent of Police for 1894, a "Statement Showing the Total Revenue and Expenditure in the year 1894," and a "Financial Statement for 1894" were laid on the table by the Acting Colonial Secretary.

ALLEGED CORRUPTION IN THE HARBOUR DEPARTMENT.
The following letter was laid before the Legislative Council to-day by Command of his Excellency the Governor:—

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Hongkong, 27th February, 1895.

Sir,—With reference to paragraph 12, of page 56, of the evidence appended to the report of the Retrenchment Committee, I am directed to inform you that Mr. Thomson denies the accuracy of the words therein attributed to him by the Chairman, but admits having made a confidential statement before the Emigration Committee to the effect that from current reports amongst the Chinese, of which he, as Acting Registrar-General, was informed confidentially, there was a certain amount of reason to believe that corruption existed in the passing of emigrants.

As, however, no proof appears to be forthcoming in support of the accuracy of such rumours, I am to state that the Government cannot place any credence therein, and I am to express regret that by inadvertence publicity was given to what appeared to be a charge of corruption but which, on investigation, is found to be the repetition of mere rumours unsupported by a vestige of evidence.

I am to add that this letter will be laid on the table at the next meeting of the Legislative Council.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Honourable the Harbour Master.

A FAVOURABLE STATEMENT.

The Acting Colonial Secretary laid a Financial Statement of the revenue and expenditure in the year 1894 on the table and in so doing said that, notwithstanding the epidemic of plague, it was the most favourable one ever made in the history of the Colony.

It was referred to the Finance Committee in the usual way.

The Sanitary By-laws were then considered and the passing of them postponed in deference to the wishes of the Hon. J. J. Kewick.

Left proceeding.

SHANGHAI SPORTING GOSSIP.

Shanghai, March 2nd.

Training commenced here yesterday morning, and the Coffee Roll was large one. The morning was damp and chilly; course a little clammy, and the order of the day seemed to be easy work.

Thirty-three more griffins were put under the hammer yesterday afternoon, and

should be carried out, and on the measure of autonomy to be conceded to the Koreans. There can be no doubt that the unfortunate peninsula will be infinitely better governed and far more efficiently protected from Tokio than from Peking; and if the only alteration made is to substitute the effective way of the Mikado for the nominal suzerainty of the Emperor of China, most of us would gladly acquiesce in the change. Transfers of the sort, however, are sometimes attended by incidental complications, and it is easy to conceive circumstances in which serious difficulties might arise in the present case.

Discussing the rumors that Japan may further demand special commercial privileges in the Chinese markets, the *Times* dismisses the idea as altogether unlikely, but thinks it probable a general opening up of her trade may be isolated upon. "Such a step," says the writer, "would be in accordance with Japan's assumed position in this contest as the champion of Western enlightenment against the fossilized barbarism of her adversary. It would therefore afford a legitimate justification for her national pride. At the same time she would have the satisfaction of displaying her generosity very cheaply. With factory labour at a few pence a day, with serviceable coal delivered at the mill at less than 6s. a ton, and with a relatively short distance between her mills and the markets, Japan can probably hold her own against all the world in China. Even if she cannot do so now, she will certainly be able to do so very shortly, and her statements have doubtless realized the full strength of her commercial position. The only real danger to which the conquerors seem to be at all exposed is the danger of prejudicing outside opinion against them by making extravagant demands."

A letter from the Tientsin correspondent of the *Times* printed in the same issue well describes the causes and the completeness of the Chinese collapse. Complete, however, as that collapse now is, it would be injudicious, as the editorial remarks, to a sure that the defensive resources of the great Empire are exhausted for good and all. "It is reported that even now China is making efforts to provide herself with means for her protection in the future. It is strange and it is ominous, if it be true, that Japan is said to regard this natural step as a proof that China is insincere in her overtures for peace. Surely she does not expect her defeated adversary to renounce all possibility of resistance, before that adversary has even learned the term to which she is bidden to assent?"

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

Under the headline "Late Telegrams" we published in last night's *Telegraph* a few telegrams culled from our Australian exchanges, and we now give a number of interesting items that were "crowded out" of that issue.

LONDON, February 12th.

It is understood that the Marquis of Ripon, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has shown privately to members of the House of Commons the correspondence which passed between Sir George Dibbs and Sir Robert Duff with respect to the nomination of members to the Legislative Council of New South Wales.

His lordship is unwilling to have the correspondence laid upon the table of the House owing to its being of a confidential character.

February 13th.

The correspondence between Sir Robert Duff and Sir George Dibbs shows that the objection raised by the Governor of New South Wales was not to the individuals nominated, but to the number proposed to be sent to the Council. The replies of Sir George Dibbs to the communications of Sir Robert Duff are very strongly worded.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin attended at the bar of the House of Commons today to present a petition on behalf of the municipal police in Ireland, praying for an amnesty to be granted to Irish political prisoners. The release of these men would, the petition set forth, "remove a just cause of discontent."

The president of the Board of Agriculture was waited upon today by a deputation from merchants and others interested in the importation of live cattle from Australia. They asked that the board's regulations with regard to the landing of live cattle from abroad might be relaxed so far as Australian cattle were concerned. Mr. H. C. Gardner, in reply, said that the matter had been carefully considered, and a decision arrived at that no relaxation of the rules could be allowed.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that the Government would not include in their proposed Payment of Members Bill a provision for the payment of the election expenses of members. The Government had no intention of abandoning the Payment of Members Bill, but its introduction depended upon the question of time and money.

MELBOURNE, February 13th.

Little progress has been made in the direction of elucidating the possibilities of retrenchment in the Defence Department. At a meeting of the Ministerial Retrenchment Committee, Colonel Penny spoke in favor of maintaining the military force at its present strength. He pointed out that it was very difficult to get trained men in times of peace, and if there was a war, any deficiency in the force would render the authorities and the Government blameable for not keeping an efficient service. Commander Kingsford admitted that our garrisons were not up to modern requirements, but in the absence of better equipment, he was not prepared to recommend that they should be abolished.

The request on the bodies of Jane and Jessie Perkins, who were found dead in a house in South Melbourne, was concluded to-day. The jury found that Mrs. Perkins died from heart disease, and her daughter by her own act, from suffocation by the fumes of charcoal.

LONDON, February 13th.

Arrangements have been made for the Emperor William of Germany to open the Baltic and North Sea Canal in June next.

This canal, which was begun early in 1891 by the German Emperor, starts at Holsten, on the north side of Kiel Bay, and joins the Elbe, 15 miles above its mouth. It is 6 miles long, 200ft. wide at the surface, and 8ft. at bottom, the depth being 38ft. The cost is estimated at £8,000,000.

The Canadian Government have proposed that a joint commission should be appointed to discuss the details in connection with the proposed Pacific cable. It is suggested that three delegates should be appointed—one by Great Britain, one by Canada, and the third by Australia—and that these should meet in London to finally arrange matters.

A portion of the shipment by the R.M.S. *Massilia* arrived in excellent condition, but a portion which was shipped overboard has arrived waxy.

The trial has commenced in Paris of the leading newspaper writers who are charged with levying blackmail on public companies and politicians.

200 bales from Australia. The prices realized were from 211 to 221 per lb.

In the House of Commons to-day Mr. William H. K. Redmond, Parliamt member for East Clare, inquired whether the Government would introduce an Enabling Bill if the Australian colonies determined upon a federal constitution.

Mr. Sydney Charles Buxton, Parliamt Secretary of the Colonial Office, in reply, said that in the event of the colonies adopting a federal constitution the Government would be favourable to introducing a measure to give effect to it.

The crew of a Hull trawler which was wrecked on the Scotch coast near Wigton had a fearful experience.

After reaching the shore they climbed a precipice 50ft. high, and then dug a snow hut, in which they took refuge. When ultimately rescued the whole of the men were found to be paralyzed and frostbitten, and it will be necessary for some time of each man to be amputated.

An outcry has recently been raised in France at the contracts for tinned meats for the army being given to foreign firms.

As a result of the agitation a meeting of the French Cabinet was specially summoned, at which it was decided that orders should be given forbidding the acceptance of all tenders from foreign firms for the supply of food to the army.

February 14th.

The People's Rights Party in Russia, which is largely composed of the best men, are indignant at the autocratic claims of the Czar. They have issued a manifesto in which they state that the Emperor Nicholas has killed his popularity, that in claiming autocracy he is digging his own grave, and will soon succumb, and that he has challenged the country to choose between progress and liberty.

The officials of the Colonial Office state that they have not received any proposal from the Canadian Government with respect to the appointment of a joint commission to finally arrange matters in connection with the Pacific cable.

Mr. H. H. Asquith, Home Secretary, replying to the petition from Irish municipal bodies for the release of Irish political prisoners, said that the atrocity of the crimes committed by the prisoners precluded the granting of an amnesty. He promised, however, to have a further consultation with the judges before whom the men were tried.

Terrible distress prevails at Birmingham, where 40,000 unemployed persons have been reduced to a state of starvation. They are asking for help from the municipal funds.

A fire occurred yesterday in a hardware store in the town of Lynn, Massachusetts, America. While the firemen were at work endeavoring to extinguish the flames a terrible explosion took place, which completely rent the building. Six of the firemen fell into the flaming cavity and were burned to death.

The German Reichstag has adopted a motion, submitted by the Socialist section of the members, for the withdrawal of the dictatorial powers at present exercised by the Governor of Alsace-Lorraine.

Reports from Constantinople state that the city is in a disturbed and troubled condition. Murders, which go unpunished, occur daily in the streets, and trade with the interior is completely paralyzed.

Berlin reports that grave events have arisen at Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, and that Prince Ferdinand has fled into Roumania. The reports have not, however, been confirmed.

The West Australian Development Corporation, which was recently formed with a capital of £50,000, state that they have purchased the Clayton gold mine, and intend to commence operations immediately.

The Gladstone Limited Blacking Gold-mine Company, Coolgardie, has been registered with a capital of £100,000. Mr. Buckland, the promoter of the company, states that the working capital has been subscribed.

The British Chamber of Shipping have complained to the South Australian Agent-General that they regard as an unjust method of levying duty on excisable goods in Adelaide.

The Australian Mutual Shipping Company declare a dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum.

The shipment of Australian eggs by the R.M.S. *Massilia* has been sold at 9s. per 100. A few were found to be broken.

AUCKLAND, N.Z., February 14th.

The German Government have called the attention of the New Zealand Executive to the fact that arms and ammunition are being exported to Samoa. The Government have, therefore, decided to issue an Order-in-Council, prohibiting the export of arms and ammunition to that place.

Regarding the sensational occurrence at the office of Mr. Campbell, solicitor, when it is alleged a former named Swann fired a revolver at Mr. Campbell, it appears that Mr. Campbell, being Swann drawing his revolver, sprang forward and seized the man's wrist before he had time to raise the weapon. A short struggle ensued, during which the revolver went off, the ball striking the division of a glass partition, and entering the end of the wall 18in. from the floor. One of the clerks, hearing the shot, rushed into the room, and wrenched the revolver from Swann. The accused was brought up at the police court to-day, charged with attempting to murder, and the case was remanded. Bail was refused. The brother of the accused prisoner states that the prisoner has carried a revolver for the past four years, ever since three relatives named Pook were murdered on the East Coast by Maoris. Consequently, he claims possession of the weapon. There is no evidence that Swann went into Campbell's office with an evil intent, and the accused denies any intention of firing at or injuring Campbell.

LONDON, February 14th.

Owing to the London demand for Canadian butter having been reduced by one-half, the Canadian Government, with a view to enabling their own producers to compete, have arranged to provide the necessary storage. They have also offered to make advances to growers equivalent to 10s. per lb. on each pound of butter shipped to the United Kingdom. This arrangement, however, is to be only of a temporary character.

Salesmen state that Canadian butter will chiefly arrive in London in July and August, but they do not regard the intended competition as serious.

A movement has been started in the House of Commons for the initiation of a world's conference to legalize the unlimited coinage of silver, and to restore its stability in the currency of the world.

Members on both sides are interested in the movement, among them being Mr. Wilson Lloyd, Conservative member for Wednesbury, and Mr. R. L. Everett, Liberal member for the Woodbridge Division of Suffolk.

MELBOURNE, February 14th.

The board appointed to inquire into the rates of pay of the personnel of civil and military forces, and make recommendations for regarding of same in all future appointments and promotions, have sent in their report. They recommend reductions in the pay of officers, but leave the Imperial officers to be dealt with by Parliament. They also recommend the laying up of the gunboats *Victoria* and *Albert*, so that they could be looked after by the men at the Torpedo Depot. It is suggested that, in view of Australian isolation, some suitable action be taken by the colonies to adopt a suitable but inexpensive uniform for commissioned officers of the navy.

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report of the Governing Directors for the year ending the 31st December, 1894, for presentation to the shareholders at the ninth ordinary annual general meeting of the Company to be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, 38 & 40, Queen's Road Central, on Saturday, the 23rd instant:—

To the Shareholders of Humphreys' Estate and Finance Company, Limited.

Gentlemen,—We beg to lay before you our report and balance sheet for the year 1894. The net profit, including a balance of \$513.30 brought forward from last year, amounts to \$10,705, out of which we propose to pay a dividend of 7 per cent. on the ordinary shares, which will absorb \$9,380, and carry forward \$915 to new profit and loss account.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. Fallatton Henderson, who offers himself for re-election as auditor for the ensuing year.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, Governing Directors.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1895.

BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1894.

Liabilities.
Cash on Deposit \$ 8,360.81
Fixed Loans 138,068.49
Fund for Equalization of Dividends. 40,400.00
Capital Account, Ordinary
Shares \$ 134,000
Capital Account, Deferred
Shares 120,000
Profit and Loss 10,705.00
\$451,124.30

Assets.
Amount Invested in Property \$311,441.50
do. on Mortgage 103,835.46
Secured Loans 21,120.20
Amount Invested in Public Companies 2,600.00
Sundry Debtors 2,016.10
Building Materials 470.68
Office Furniture 1,300.00
Cash in Hongkong & Shanghai Bank \$5,278.25
Petty Cash in hand 33.93
\$451,124.30

PROFIT AND LOSS.
Dr.
To general charges, repairs, Crown
rents, fire insurance, auditor's fees
and depreciation \$ 3,048.90
Remuneration to Governing Directors for management, clerical, and office rent 3,000.00
Dividend of 7 per cent. on \$134,000.00 9,380.00
Balance to new account 915.00
\$16,343.90

Cr.
By amount carried forward from 1893. \$ 513.30
Rents, interest, &c., &c. 15,830.61
\$16,343.90

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, Governing Directors.
HART BUCK, Secretary.
I have compared the above statement with the books, vouchers, and securities of the Company and have found the same to be correct.

F. HENDERSON, Auditor.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1895.

A CRUEL CANARD.

Siam has quite enough enemies without Reuter's agency taking upon itself the responsibility of spreading false rumors about her relations with her watchful foe, says the *Siam Observer*. Whether there is any deep scheme put forward it is as yet too soon to state, but it behoves those who have the best interests of this country at heart to be on their guard against any possible snare. The French Press in Indo-China have not ceased to advocate the annexation of the whole of Siam, and the local representative of French interests has menacingly hinted that the soldiers and armaments despatched to Madagascar may possibly eventually land somewhere else. The abuse of Siam and everything Siamese for which that journal is notorious has been getting a little more virulent of late, and now comes this telegram reporting an absolutely impossible conflict. Our thanks are due to our Singapore contemporary for scorching the lie on the spot, but a telegram spread broadcast over the world, supplied to editors possessing less knowledge of the facts of the case than does our colleague at Singapore, cannot but exert a sinister influence, and there can be no doubt that that, and that alone, is the reason for its having been supplied to Reuter. We have seen often enough the means by which France proceeds when she desires to pick a quarrel, and this looks very much like one of her methods. Since all the world knows that the Siamese—more the shame of it!—have now no right on the left bank of the Mekong, France expects to arouse the sympathy of the world (as a preparatory to any forward step that may be decided upon at a future time) by means of these false statements of the aggression of the Commissioner of Laos Phrabang and of conflicts such as that under review. Kham Muong, be it noted, is evidently the very place from which Phra Yot was ejected, and which he with all his following left in the undisturbed possession of the French so far back as May, 1893. As for the right bank, there is not a Siamese force within 50 miles of the nearest point on the river to Kham Muong, and it is not at all likely that a detachment should have been sent all that way merely for the purpose of attacking a French force stationed in its own territory. The fact is that the conflict, if any have taken place—the whole story might be false just as well as a part—has been between some of the French soldiers and the people of the district, whom they knew so well how to oppress, and so ill how to govern. The attempt to throw the blame upon the Siamese is as cowardly as it is cunning.

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Hongkong, 8th March, 1895.

Today's Advertisements.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE
OF HONGKONG, No. 618, S.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASON'S HALL, Zealand Street, THIS EVENING, the 12th instant, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited. Hongkong, 12th March, 1895. [333]

NOTICE.
THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of the late Mr. H. HOPPIUS in Our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

HONGKONG, 12th March, 1895. SIEMSEN & Co. [352]
HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.
THE NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above COMPANY will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, 38 & 40, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 23rd instant, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Governing Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1894.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 23rd instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,
HART BUCK, Secretary.

HONGKONG, 12th March, 1895. [353]
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
The Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA,"
Captain T. P. Hall, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 14th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co., General Managers.
HONGKONG, 12th March, 1895. [354]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "MERTONETHSHIRE,"
FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th instant, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 18th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1895. [357]

Intimations.
"DERMATOL,"
MANUFACTURED BY FARBER, HIGHER & Co., its effect in stimulating the closing up of WOUNDS, and in internal administration against diarrhoea, is described as amazing.

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IS now in a position, in his New and Commodious Premises, to eclipse, as he believes, ALL PHOTOGRAPHIC ART PRACTICED in the Colony or in any part of the Far East. GROUPS AND VIEWS a specialty.
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1894. [359]

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The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—144 per cent.
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £8.00, paid up—\$20, sellers.
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, nominal.
 The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—nominal.
 The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—Founders' shares—£5, buyers.
CHINESE LOANS.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 £—11 per cent. premium.

MARINE INSURANCES.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$150 per share, buyers.
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$641 per share, sales and buyers.
 North China Insurance—£1.210 per share, sellers.
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$1571 per share, buyers.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—\$50, buyers.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—£1.15 per share.
 The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.—\$24 per share, buyers.

FIRE INSURANCES.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$176 per share, sales.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$77 per share, buyers.
 The Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., \$2 per share, buyers.
SHIPPING.
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$104 per share, sales and buyers.
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—\$65, sellers.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—\$42, buyers.
 Douglas's Steamship Company—\$52, sellers.
 China Mutual Shippers Co., Ltd.—(Preference)—\$6 per share, nominal.
 China Mutual Shippers Co., Ltd.—(Ordinary)—\$1 per share, nominal.

REFINERIES.
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$145 per share, sellers.
 Luen Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$48, sellers.
MINING.
 Pungtung Mining Co.—(Ordinary)—\$6 per share, buyers.
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 The Pungtung Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$3.75 per share, buyers.
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 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$3, buyers.
 General Warehousing Co., Limited—\$15 per share, buyers.
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HOTELS.
 Hongkong Hotel Co.—\$9 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Hotel Co.'s 5th per cent. Debentures—\$1.10, buyers.
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.
 The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$1.10, buyers.
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DISPENSARIES.
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$101, buyers.
 Dalrymple & Co., Limited—\$1 per share, buyers.
MISCELLANEOUS.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$3, buyers.
 H. C. Brown & Co., Limited—\$5 per share, buyers.
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 H. C. Brown & Co., Limited—\$5 per share, buyers.

EXCHANGE.
 On London—Bank, T. T. 1/11 1/2
 Bank Bills, on demand 1/11 1/2
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1/11 1/2
 Credits at 4 months' sight 2/0
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/0 1/2
 On Shanghai—
 Bank, T. T. 183 1/2
 Private, 30 days' sight 71 1/2
 Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 72 1/2
 Silver (per oz.) 27 1/2

VISITORS AND RESIDENTS AT THE PEAK HOTEL.

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 Smith and family. Mrs. A. Smith.
 Mr. and Mrs. Goldman. Mr. G. G. Stokes.
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MAILS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
 The N. D. Lloyd Co's steamer *Bayern*, with the outward German mail, left Singapore on the 9th instant, and may be expected here on the 14th.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
 The O. & O. S. Co's steamer *Oceanic*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco on the 12th ultimo, left Nagasaki on the 10th instant, and may be expected here on the 14th.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
 The Canadian Pacific Railway Co's steamer *Empress of China* left Vancouver on the 4th instant for Yokohama, Shanghai and Hongkong.

STAMENES EXPECTED.
 The Austrian Lloyd's S. N. Co's steamer *Giulia* left Singapore on the 8th instant, and may be expected here on the 15th.

The Navigazione Generale Italiana steamer *Brigante* left Bombay on the 8th instant, and may be expected here on the 20th.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.
 MARI NETHSHIRE, British steamer, 1,049, D. Davies, 11th March, London 21st January, and Singapore 5th March, General—Doddwell, Carill & Co.

ORIMSTON, British steamer, 2,406, E. Outram, 11th March, Mool 7th March, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

TRIUMPH, German steamer, 674, Moller, 11th March, Pakhol 8th March, and Holow 10th, General—Chinese.

DEUTEROS, German steamer, 700, Lawson, 11th March, Bangkok 4th March, Rice—Slemssen & Co.

WINGSANG, British steamer, 1,517, A. de St. Croix, 12th March, Calcutta 23rd Feb, Penang 2nd March, and Singapore 5th, Opium and General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CALEN CURTIS, British schooner, 67, Raymond, 12th March, Paracel Islands (China Sea) 7th March, Ballast—China Traders Insurance Co.

ROHILLA, British steamer, 2,167, G. C. Henning, R.N.R., 12th March, Shanghai 6th March, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

CHUSAN, German steamer, 623, W. Wendt, 12th March, Shanghai 8th March, Rice—Melchers & Co.

TAISANG, British steamer, 1,505, H. W. Hogg, 12th March, Shanghai, and Swatow 11th March, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

AYR, British steamer, 1,955, F. Johnson, 12th March, Kutchlootzu 6th March, Coal—Mitsui Bishi Kaisha.

NIOR, German steamer, 1,608, E. G. Pfaff, 12th March, Hamburg 18th January, and Singapore 4th March, General—Slemssen & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.
Sabine Richmers, German steamer, for Amoy.
Whampoa, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.
Ajax, British steamer, for Amoy, &c.
China, German steamer, for Saigon.
Zoffro, British steamer, for Manila.
Cassius, German steamer, for Amoy.
Monmouthshire, British str., for Singapore, &c.
Sibine Richmers, British str., for Singapore, &c.
Namoa, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.

DEPARTURES.
 March 12, *Thales*, British str., for Swatow, &c.
 March 12, *Oakley*, British str., for Shanghai, &c.
 March 12, *Alouin*, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.
 March 12, *Kung-ping*, British steamer, for Shanghai.
 March 12, *Whampoa*, British str., for Swatow.
 March 12, *Ajax*, British str., for Amoy, &c.
 March 12, *China*, German str., for Saigon.
 March 12, *Catherine Apcar*, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.
 March 12, *Siskin*, British str., for Amoy.
 March 12, *Marla Fabian*, German steamer, for Swatow.
 March 12, *Sabine Richmers*, German steamer, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.
 Per *Wingsang*, from Calcutta, &c.—Mrs. Pope, Miss Broth, Captain J. Knight, Messrs. Marshall and son, Walker, Veremul, 2 Chinese ladies, 3 gentlemen, 1 European, 7 Indians, and 526 Chinese.
 Per *Thales*, from Shanghai for Hongkong—Mrs. Cosbrey, 2 children and amah, Mrs. Williams and child, Mrs. Gwyn Hall, Mrs. Maria Baptista, Miss Milson Wood, Messrs. C. N. Baird, H. W. Fraser, Pater, Ah Sing, Master McArthur, and to Chinese. For London—Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Ritchie.
 Per *Taisang*, from Shanghai, &c.—Mr. and Mrs. Assumpcao and 4 children, Captain Croad, Messrs. Siac Ah Kim, Liao Joo Sang, and 69 Chinese.
 Per *Niohe*, from Hamburg, &c., for Hongkong—Messrs. Kahn, Dobr, and 200 Chinese.

REPORTS.
 The British steamship *Merionethshire* left London on the 21st January, and Singapore on the 5th instant, and had north-east winds and fine weather.
 The British steamship *Tatang*, from Shanghai, left Swatow on the 11th instant, and had moderate winds and fine weather until approaching port, when a dense fog was encountered.
 The British schooner *Calix*, from the Paracel Islands (China Sea) on the 7th instant, and had light east-south-east winds to 120 miles south of Hongkong; thence to port had strong east to north-east winds and high north-east sea with cloudy and rainy weather.
 The German steamship *Niohe* left Hamburg on the 18th January, and Singapore on the 4th instant, and had light breeze from north-east to east with smooth sea and fine weather to within 200 miles of Hongkong; thence to port had strong winds and high head sea with overcast weather.
 The British steamship *Wingsang* left Calcutta on the 23rd ultimo, Penang on the 2nd instant, and Singapore on the 5th. From Calcutta to Penang had fine weather with smooth sea and light variable winds. From Penang to Singapore had strong weather. From Singapore to Hongkong had light north-east and east winds with clear weather and smooth sea.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CARRY—
 For Swatow and Bangkok—Per *Phra Chula Chong* to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 9.30 A.M.
 For Kobe and Yokohama—Per *Orono* to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STRAMENES.
 ANCONA, British steamer, 1,888, W. D. Mudge, 11th March, Yokohama and March, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
 ASK, Danish steamer, 302, N. C. Revsbeck, 11th March, Halphong 9th March, General—A. R. Martv.

BENLAWERS, British steamer, 1,844, A. Webster, 11th March, Saigon 8th March, General—No Kee.
 CASIDE, German steamer, 1,504, Unruh, 7th March, Mool 1st March, Coal—Laua, Wegener & Co.

CHANGSHA, British steamer, 1,450, O. Anderson, 11th March, Sydney 20th Feb., General—Butterfield & Swire.

CHOWFA, British steamer, 1,055, Chas. Stotham, 7th March, Bangkok 25th Feb., General—Yuen Fat Hong.

COPTIC, British steamer, 2,744, H. St. G. Lindsay, R.N.R., 4th Feb., Cardiff via Suez 15th Jan., Coal—O. & O. S. N. Co.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN, British steamer, 5,004, Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R., 27th Feb., Vancouver 3rd Feb, Yokohama 10th, and Shanghai 25th, Mails and General—C. P. Railway and Steamship Co.

FANK, British steamer, 117, Captain Stopani, Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.'s tug.

FORMOSA, British steamer, 674, Hall, 10th March, Tansai 7th March, and Amoy 9th, General—D. Lapralik & Co.

LYDERHOLM, Norwegian steamer 2,014, B. Hammar, 10th March, Kutchlootzu 5th March, Coals—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

MONMOUTHSHIRE, British steamer, 1,872, W. A. Evans, 10th March, Amoy 9th March, General—Doddwell, Carill & Co.

NAMOA, British steamer, 862, W. Thom, 11th March, Faochow 7th March, Amoy 8th, and Swatow 10th, General—D. Lapralik & Co.

NURNBERG, German steamer, 3,207, H. Walter, 7th March, Yokohama 26th Feb, Kobe 1st March, and Nagasaki 3rd, Mails and General—Melchers & Co.

ORONO, British steamer, 1,121, W. Hancock, 4th March, Saigon 26th Feb, Rice, Paddy and General—Wo Kee.

PAKSHAN, British steamer, 835, J. Jenkins, 9th March, Bangkok 28th March, Rice—Hop Hing Hong.

PARTHAM, British steamer, 1,040, C. C. Thompson, 10th March, Saigon 5th March, Rice—Ed. Schellhaus & Co.

PENIA CHULA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,012, J. A. Morris, 12th March, Bangkok 27th Feb, and Koh-i-chang 1st March, Rice and General—Yuen Fat Hong.

RECORDE, British steamer, 677, R. A. E. Beaton, 17th Jan., Singapore 12th Jan, Telegraph Cable—E. & A. C. Telegraph Co.

SHANTUNG, British steamer, 1,135, Frempton, 9th March, Sourabaya 25th Feb, Sugar—Butterfield & Swire.

SIKH, British steamer, 1,735, James Rowley, 7th March, Tacoma 6th February, Yokohama 27th, and Kobe 1st March, General—Doddwell, Carill & Co.

SOPIER RICKMERS, German steamer, 2,094, H. Anderson, 10th March, Amoy 6th March, Ballast—Arnold, Koberg & Co.

STRAITS OF DOVER, British steamer, 1,904, Ed. Holliday, 10th March, Mool 4th March, Coals—Carlows & Co.

TETARTOS, German steamer, 1,804, P. Lassen, 11th March, Saigon 7th March, Rice and Paddy—Slemssen & Co.

YOKOHAMA, British steamer, 1,106, W. Wadlow, 11th March, Manila 8th March, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

ZAITRO, British steamer, 672, G. Gerard, 9th March, Manila 6th March, General—Shewan & Co.

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